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FOREIGN MINISTRY COUNSELOR FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS (BALANCQUAERT)

CALLED EMBOFF LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 16 TO STATE THAT AS RESULT

OF EXTENDED DISCUSSION AMONG EC FOREIGN MINISTER, EC COUNTRIES

HAD AGREED THAT NO MESSAGES CONCERNING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

WILL BE SENT TO HANOI MARCH 19. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT NO

INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS DECISION WOULD BE PROVIDED

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HANOI OR RELEASED IN EC CAPITALS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, EC MINISTERS HAD AGREED TO MAINTAIN PRINCIPLE THAT ALL EC COUNTRIES WISHED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH NORTH VIETNAM BUT THAT ACTION WOULD BE DELAYED A SHORT TIME. LENGTH OF DELAY WAS NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED SINCE THERE WERE SOME DISAGREEMENTS OVER DEFINITION OF " SHORT TIME". HE SAID MINISTERS DISAGREED ON EFFECT ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WOULD HAVE ON NVN BUT THAT, IN ANY CASE, THEY DID AGREE THAT EC COUNTRIES DID NOT WANT TO BE CAUGHT IN MIDDLE SHOULD WAR ERUPT AGAIN OR OTHER SERIOUS DISPUTE DEVELOP OVER NORTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENT. SOME MINISTERS STILL FELT WESTERN INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED, EVEN IN EVENT OF CONFLICT, BY PRESENCE OF EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES IN BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, WHILE OTHERS FELT DELAYING RECOGNITION MIGHT HELP RESTRAIN NORTH VIETNAMESE.

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